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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Sandoval DATE TYPED: 2/5/03 HB 409

SHORT TITLE: Early Processing of Absentee Ballots SB _____

ANALYST: Chavez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State (SOS)
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 409 amends Section 1-6-14 NMSA 1978 to permit the absent voter precinct board to open the outer (official mailing envelopes) envelopes of absentee ballots three days prior to the election.

Significant Issues

According to the Secretary of State, this proposal may substantially reduce the reporting time for absentee ballots in larger jurisdictions.

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